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Sponsorship keeps schools 'relevant,' says board chair

In the classroom.
Trustee chair offers first opinion in debate that could come to forefront in months ahead

Whenever students surf the web or drop change into vending machines, they're bombarded with product branding, says the Calgary Board of Education's trustee chair, who believes corporate sponsorship in schools is a necessary step going forward.

Repeatedly making it clear that she was expressing personal opinion and not representing her six fellow trustees, board chair Pat Cochrane told Metro exclusively she supports changes made last year to allow corporations to secure naming rights of school facilities, such as mechanic bays and science labs.

"If we want to stay relevant and really support our kids, this is the world we live in.... We will not get better at supporting our kids and learning in the 21st century if we don't get better at working with corporations," Cochrane said.

It was the first time the trustee, who has served since 1999, has offered a public opinion on the corporate-sponsorship debate since she and fellow elected members turned down a similar proposal in 2004.

Cochrane said at that time the discussion was more around branding an entire school, which is still allowed under the new guidelines.

These days, she points to learning programs funded by organizations like Chevron and gymnasium scoreboards sponsored by Coca-Cola as proof branding is already occurring in city schools.

"So, let's make sure we're framing it and doing this with proper values in our schools so we can say 'not some things,'" Cochrane added.

But the chair's endorsement did little to convince critics of the regulatory changes like Alberta Teachers' Association local president Frank Bruseker, who believes the move fosters inequality between schools.

"Sponsorship is the wrong way to go," he said Thursday. "I think what we need to have here is a good, strong tax-revenue base for the provincial government, who then hands the money out equitably across the entire province."

CBE administrators have maintained all corporate-sponsorship applications will be decided by trustees on a case-by-case basis. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

KIPPER GETS SET

Flames goalie Miikka Kiprusoff takes a break from action during an informal skate in Calgary on Thursday.
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Wyatt Lewis.
Police lay charges after hallway brawl turns deadly

A man has been charged in the Calgary killing of a mixed-martial-arts fighter last year, as police revealed on Thursday that the death occurred after a dozen people got involved in a close-quarters brawl.

Early on Sept. 1, police responded to the 1000 block of 16th Avenue N.W. amid reports that a fight had broken out in an apartment hallway.

At the scene, Lethbridge father Wyatt Lewis, 37, and another man were found with stab wounds. Both were rushed to hospital but Lewis was declared dead on arrival.

James Rajbhandari, 26, faces a charge of second-degree murder. But Staff Sgt. Grant Miller said it's unclear what role Lewis played in the fight.

Reports at the time of the martial-arts fighter's death suggested he may have been coming to the aid of a friend.

"I think in those confined spaces it's really hard to tell who your intended target is going to be," Miller said.

Lewis worked as an instructor at Progressive Fighting Academy in Lethbridge and had a wife and four children.

"There may be justice served, but in the end you can't bring Wyatt back," academy owner Brad Wall said on Thursday.

The academy has kept busy in recent months, raising money to assist Lewis' family, Wall added.

Rajbhandari made his first court appearance on Thursday. Miller said the accused does have some criminal dealings in his background but they were not related to the current charge against him.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Snow-route parking ban could last all weekend after big dump

The cars parked on this snow route will have to be moved by 6 a.m. on Friday. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Unanticipated snowfall led to nearly 150 collisions on Calgary roadways in less than 24 hours and prompted the city to declare a parking ban on snow routes, beginning at 6 a.m. on Friday.

"The storm kind of came up by surprise," city roads spokesperson Jennifer Thompson-Goldberg said on Thursday afternoon.

"There was some snow anticipated, about two to three centimetres. However, throughout the day we've seen a significant increase in the snow. About 12 centimetres have accumulated on the roadways."

That level is well beyond the five-centimetre threshold the city requires to enact a parking ban, and Thompson-Goldberg said it was enough to declare a snow event.

The parking ban can remain in effect for as long as 72 hours, she added, although the city will lift it earlier, if possible.

"Really, for us, it's just a matter of seeing what the weather's going to do," Thompson-Goldberg said.

The snow also brought with it an increase in collisions, Calgary police said.

A total of 143 collisions were recorded between 7 p.m. on Wednesday and 4 p.m. on Thursday, 10 of them involving injuries.

Police said that compares to 109 collisions, six involving injuries, during the same period a week earlier.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Most health-care workers not vaccinated: Province

Needle point.
Enforced flu shots for clinic staff a possibility, minister says

RYAN TUMILTY
Metro in Edmonton

Flu fighters

- The flu vaccine is still available at some Alberta doctor's offices and pharmacies, as well as public health clinics. It takes 10 days to two weeks before it takes effect.

Several jurisdictions have made flu vaccinations mandatory for health-care workers, and Alberta's health minister says the idea is one worth considering.

Fred Horne said on Thursday that he finds the low number of hospital staff and other health workers who have not received their annual vaccination troubling, but added a move toward mandated inoculations would come only with extensive consultation.

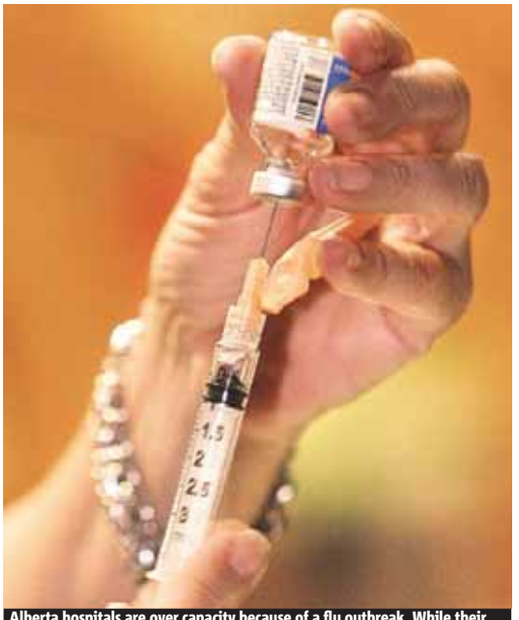
"I think it is a very important issue and I certainly wouldn't rule that out," Horne said. "We need a dialogue about this and perhaps that time has come."

In Edmonton, for example, Dr. Chris Sikora said on Wednesday that, depending on the facility, 20 per cent to no more than 50 per cent of staff have been vaccinated at city health centres.

"I wish all staff were getting vaccinated," Sikora said. "It is a way that they can protect themselves from getting sick, protect their family at home as well as protect the people they care for."

Heather Smith, president of the United Nurses of Alberta, says her organization would not welcome mandatory vaccinations.

"We don't believe it is something that should be forced upon health-care workers any more than other members of society," she said.



Alberta hospitals are over capacity because of a flu outbreak. While their rate of vaccination is much higher than that of the general population, most Alberta health-care workers have not had flu shots. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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Bike racks are common on buses in other cities, such as this one in Edmonton, leading some Calgarians to question why there aren't more on Calgary Transit. METRO FILE

Call renewed for more bike racks on Calgary buses

Diversifying transit.
Ald. Shane Keating calls the idea a 'no-brainer'

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Cycling may not be on most Calgarians' minds at this time of year, but one alderman says there's no time like the present to start thinking about ways to better integrate bicycles and transit.

It was the recent experience of one dedicated winter cyclist, in fact, that prompted Ald. Shane Keating to renew his call to "fast-track" the addition of more bicycle racks on city buses.

Twitter user Chris Dittrick tweeted about his experience trying to hobble a broken-down bicycle down the 302 bus route on Wednesday, saying he "wished ANY bus that passed had bike racks" so he could hop on and ride with his two-wheeler.

Keating replied it's time that Calgary "did some catch up" on that front, as it's standard in most other Canadian cities to have buses that come equipped with bike racks on the front.

He elaborated Thursday, telling Metro the broader issue is making transit more convenient and a more viable option for commuters.

"The more you allow people to use different transit, the more they're going to use it," he said. "Bike racks on a bus are one way of giving better public transit at very little cost.

"It's a no-brainer, if it works," says Keating. "The question is, what can we do to make it work?"

Richard Zach of Bike Calgary said more racks on buses could also encourage transit use by allowing people to ride to bus stations and then take their bikes with them.

"A lot of people are just turned off from taking the bus because it's so hard to get to," he said.

Stumbling block

Bike racks exist on some Calgary buses but the added length creates problems fitting the buses into existing garages that are already dealing with capacity issues.

- Ald. Shane Keating said two new transit garages due to be built in the near future ought to be designed with bus bike racks in mind.
- Transit director Doug Morgan told Metro previously the city is looking at adding bike racks to "long-haul" BRT (bus rapid transit) routes.

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5 books that have shone on silver screen

Since the earliest days of movies, filmmakers have looked to literature for inspiration.
This week Metro looks at five books you can find at Calgary's public libraries, which have been made into films.

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1

Les Misérables by Victor Hugo

The English translation of Hugo's epic tale of love and redemption against the backdrop of France's June Rebellion is almost 1,500 pages. And, sadly, not one character breaks into song. But if you're a fan of the Broadway adaptation, the recent movie musical starring Hugh Jackman, Anne Hathaway and Russell Crowe will have you in tears. And not only because of Hathaway's mangling of I Dreamed a Dream.

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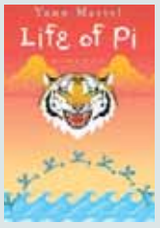

Life of Pi by Yann Martel

Martel's dense, allegory-rich novel has won every major book award under the sun, including the U.K.'s coveted Man Booker Prize for Fiction. It's a difficult story to try to recreate on screen, but director Ang Lee has risen to the challenge. Lee's film version is complex and visually beautiful.

3

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

Here's a fairly rare case of a movie adaptation being longer and more detailed than the actual book. Peter Jackson has split the novel into three films, the first instalment being the Christmas blockbuster The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey. What makes Jackson's Hobbit film (and the previous Lord of the Rings trilogy) so great is that he manages to recreate on screen those images in your head when you read the books.

4

Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy

Keira Knightley stars in the latest film adaptation of the literary classic about a Russian aristocrat's tragic fall from grace. Anna Karenina is widely considered one of the best novels ever written thanks to its sweeping grandeur and heady themes of faith and passion. Tom Stoppard manages to capture the huge scope of the book in his excellent screenplay.

5

Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter by Seth Grahame-Smith

Confederate soldiers were vampires? Sure, why not? Grahame-Smith's mashup novel is an entertaining and exciting read. The film? Not so much. Though the movie is imaginative, this is one story that works better on the page.

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Alta. has third-highest rate of impaired-driving charges

Albertans are more likely to be caught drunk behind the wheel than drivers in a majority of other Canadian provinces, data released Thursday indicates.

According to Statistics Canada, 450 impaired-driving charges were laid per 100,000 people in Alberta in 2011 — the national average was 262.

The only provinces with a higher rate were Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island.

As well, only 6.6 per cent of those charged with impaired-related offences spent time behind bars, down slightly from the 8.2 per cent national average.

The data collected would not reflect changes to impaired-driving legislation in Alberta that came into effect last year and bring longer suspensions for .05 blood-alcohol level violations and indefinite prohibitions for .08 violations.

Statistics Canada did point out the variance in crime rates between provinces is subject to enforcement levels and other mitigating factors. METRO

Behind bars

6.6%

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WHAT'S YOUR ALDERMAN WORTH?

IN DEFENCE OF
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When it comes to this city's aldermen, how much do you think they are worth?

Well, it really depends on which alderman you have and, more specifically, how long you think they've been "mailing it in." This year, Calgary's aldermen will receive another raise, bumping their pay up to about $111,000 a year. Not bad, right? Especially once you consider that that pay doesn't include the other city-council perks like a yearly car allowance ($9,400), a free, heated parking spot at city hall (about $400 a month), the ability to hire up to two full-time staff and $14,000 for miscellaneous expenses.

With this year's raise of 3.28 per cent, Calgary's aldermen are now Canada's highest-paid municipal politicians. Again, ask yourself: Are they worth it?

My alderman is.

But I know that many in the city cannot say the same thing. So what can you do about it? Well, this year just happens to be an election year, which means the aldermen's jobs and all those cushy perks are up for grabs. And since they've taken the time to make their salaries so attractive, the upcoming election hopefully has the possibility to attract dozens of intelligent, driven, energetic and creative candidates.

After meeting many of our aldermen, I've realized that they're regular people who stepped forward, got elected and now make pretty good money (especially considering that over the past 30 years, their salaries have gone up 158 per cent, even though Canadian inflation has only increased 44 per cent). Our city councillors aren't crooks for giving themselves raises — they're geniuses.

Aldermen might weigh in saying that the long hours and endless work often nullify the sweet pay, but of course they're going to say that: They don't want you to run against them. I'll agree, for the most part, that being a politician is a thankless career. No matter what you do, or how well you do it, someone will always complain about your performance.

But, really, that sounds like most public-sector jobs, and those careers don't come with free heated parking.

Other aldermen might warn about the pressure that comes with the job and how it might affect your life, personally and professionally. Well, luckily city council isn't like The Hunger Games. No one is forcing people to run or, for that matter, keep running. So if the job isn't for you, you only have to do it for three years, then you can leave. That is, unless, you've become too accustomed to the perks. MIKE MORRISON WRITES MIKE'S BLOGGITY BLOG AND TWEETS @MIKESBLOGGITY.

Thankless jobs

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Fort Macleod

Town gets back millions from government for cancelled college

The Alberta government is returning more than $10 million to the town of Fort Macleod to offset the cost of a promised police college that didn't go ahead.

Municipal Affairs Minister Doug Griffiths has spoken to town council and says it's the right thing to do. The money is meant to cover the cash the municipality had already invested in the $122-million project before the government cancelled it.

Fort Macleod waited for years for the police college that was promised by the government in 2006. A ground-breaking ceremony was finally held in 2011, but last August the province abruptly announced it was not going ahead with the training centre.

Fort Macleod Mayor Shawn Patience says the community is left with a fully serviced lot for any future development.

The province had already indicated last summer that it would cover some of the town's costs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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City's long-term plans stalled by Rocky View

Regional partnership. County reeve says density requirements don't fit with rural life

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Calgary's plans for the next 50 years of growth are being hindered by a dispute between the city and its rural neighbours, say several aldermen.

"They have not signed on to the Calgary Metropolitan Plan, so that makes it problematic," said Ald. Richard Pootmans, referring to the county of Rocky View, made up of 14 municipalities surrounding the city.

Pootmans described it as "the absolute mother plan" but said it's difficult to create development guidelines without Rocky View's participation.

Ald. Andre Chabot said Calgary's strategy to increase population density is a "laudable goal," but if the city restricts large-lot, single-family homes too quickly, it will simply push the developments to surrounding municipalities.

Country house, city house

"It makes sense for ... urban settings, but nobody is interested in a small lot in a rural setting."

Rocky View reeve Rolly Ashdown on the plan's current density requirements

"A lot of these surrounding communities are just bedroom communities," he said. "They don't care so much about sustainable development, because it's not in their best interests."

Rocky View reeve Rolly Ashdown said the county wants to talk but couldn't accept terms that would effectively give Calgary a veto over all decisions.

Ald. Andre Chabot said the speed of Calgary's plans must be "tempered" because developers can simply step outside city limits. METRO FILE

Fraud over $5,000

Man who faked cancer must pay back funds raised

Sentencing for a Calgary man who faked cancer will see Kristopher Cook serving jail time and making a donation to charity.

Cook pleaded guilty to fraud. He held a fundraiser under the pretense of having brain cancer and raised $7,500.

He was sentenced to six months in jail and ordered to make a $7,500 donation to the Canadian Cancer Society. METRO

New charges?

Man wounded in December crash dies from injuries

Police say a man critically injured in a collision in December has died, and charges against an alleged impaired driver may be upgraded.

Jerjes Bou Atia, 33, was reportedly in a collision on Dec. 8 at 52 Street and Madigan Drive N.E.

He died in hospital on Dec. 30.

Charges have been laid against Pamela Polkinghorne, 48, of Calgary. METRO

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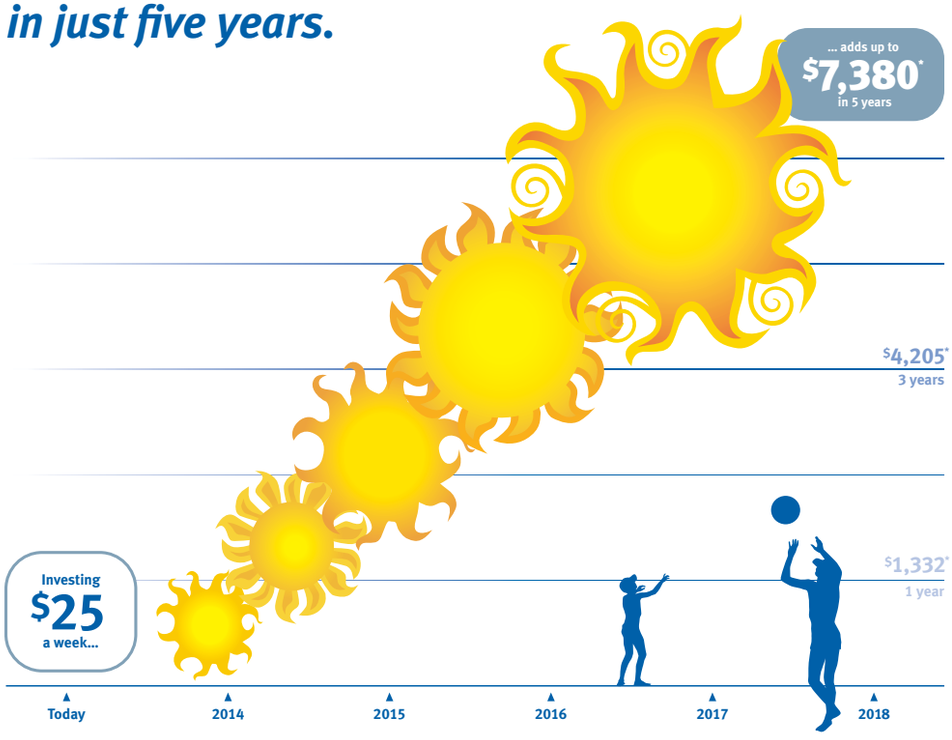

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Meet Mr. Teeth ...

Its last job. Cops find alligator-like reptile guarding marijuana, but it dies later in a zoo hospital

Authorities in Northern California made a snappy discovery during a routine probation check: An alligator-like reptile named Mr. Teeth, who was apparently protecting a stash of marijuana.

When Alameda County Sheriff's deputies entered the Castro Valley home, they not only found 34 pounds of marijuana valued at an estimated $100,000 US, but also the five-foot-long caiman inside a Plexiglas tank guarding it in a bedroom.

Officials at the Oakland Zoo said Mr. Teeth died a day after it was seized. The caiman was very sick when it arrived at the zoo's veterinary hospital, zoo spokesperson Nicky Mora said Thursday.

Caimans are usually found in the wetland regions of Central and South America.

Quoted

"We get guard dogs all the time when we search for grow houses ... but alligators?"

Sgt. J.D. Nelson,
Alameda County Sheriff's Office

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A 32-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of possessing marijuana for sale.

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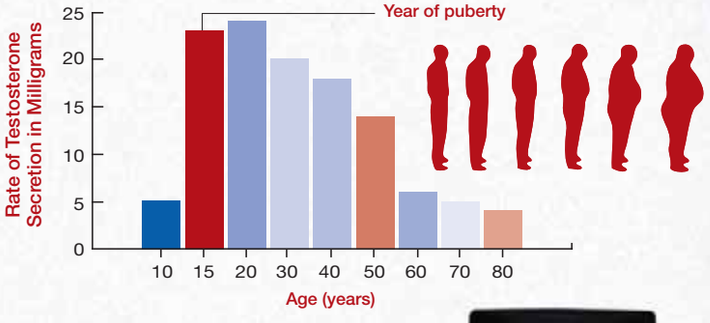

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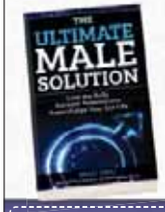

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Bombings in Pakistan leave at least 115 dead

Separate incidents. Responsibility for various blasts blamed on militant sectarians, separatists and the U.S.

A series of bombings in different parts of Pakistan killed at least 115 people on Thursday, including 81 who died in a sectarian attack on a bustling billiard hall in the southwest city of Quetta, officials said.

The blasts punctuated one of the deadliest days in recent years in Pakistan, where the government faces a bloody insurgency by Taliban militants in the northwest and Baluch militants in the southwest.

The country is also home to many enemies of the U.S. that Washington has frequently targeted with drone attacks. A U.S. missile strike Thursday killed five suspected militants in the seventh such attack in two weeks, Pakistani intelligence officials said.

A billiard hall in Quetta, the capital of Baluchistan province, was hit by twin blasts about five minutes apart on Thursday night, killing 81 people and wounding more than 120 others, said a senior police officer.

The billiard hall was located in an area dominated by Shiite Muslims. Many of the people who rushed to the scene after the first blast were hit by the second bomb, which caused the roof of the building to collapse, he said.

Police officers, journalists and rescue workers who responded to the initial explosion were also among the dead, police said.

The sectarian militant group Lashkar-e-Jhangvi claimed responsibility for the attack to local journalists.

Radical Sunni groups often target Pakistan's Shiite minority, whom they believe hold heretical views and are not true Muslims.

Earlier in the day, a bomb targeting paramilitary soldiers in a commercial area in Quetta killed 12 people and wounded more than 40 others, said Shakeel, the senior police officer.

The United Baluch Army, a separatist group, claimed responsibility for the attack.

Elsewhere in Pakistan, a bomb in a crowded Sunni mosque in the northwest city of Mingora killed 22 people and wounded more than 70, said senior police officer Akhtar Hayyat.

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More bloodshed

Indian troops fired across the disputed Kashmir border and killed a Pakistani soldier Thursday, Pakistan's military said, the third deadly incident in the disputed Himalayan region in recent days.

'They are innocent.' Gang-rape suspects beaten by police, lawyer claims

Police badly beat the five suspects arrested in the brutal gang rape and killing of a young woman on a New Delhi bus, the lawyer for one of the men said Thursday, accusing authorities of tampering with evidence in the case that has transfixed India.

"They are innocent," Manohar Lal Sharma said of the five suspects ahead of a court hearing, which ended quickly after it turned out some of the official court paperwork listing the charges was illegible. He said police have beaten the men and placed other prisoners into the suspects' cells to threaten them with knives, adding, "You can't believe the reality of Indian prisons."

Five men have been charged with attacking the 23-year-old woman and her male friend on a bus as it was driven through the streets of India's capital. The woman was raped and assaulted with a metal bar on Dec. 16 and eventually died of her injuries.

Rape victims are not identified in India, even if they die, and rape trials are closed to the media.

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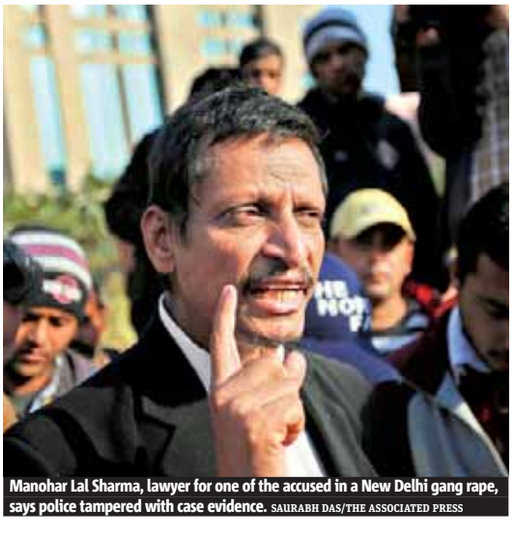

Manohar Lal Sharma, lawyer for one of the accused in a New Delhi gang rape, says police tampered with case evidence. SAURABH DAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Northern Quebec

Killer whales may still be in danger

A northern Quebec town cautiously celebrated Thursday after a dozen killer whales appeared to have freed themselves from the shifting floes of Hudson Bay.

But while some in the village of Inukjuak expressed relief, others feared the orcas might not have escaped danger.

Many locals believe the water currents and ever-moving ice in the massive, frigid bay may eventually box the mammals in somewhere else. One expert in Arctic wildlife said they have good reason to be concerned.

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Divisive issue

Irish majority in favour of more abortion rights, poll suggests

Most people in Ireland want lawmakers to give women wider access to abortion, a poll revealed Thursday as senior clerics testified before a parliamentary committee investigating Ireland's ban on the practice.

Prime Minister Enda Kenny's government has pledged to legalize abortion for women whose lives are deemed in danger from a pregnancy.

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Dramatic split may derail date with PM

Landmark 'summit.'
First Nations leader Atleo's mandate is seriously weakened as chiefs rebel

The plans for Stephen Harper's high-stakes meeting with First Nations leaders on Friday are awash in confusion.

After a week of frenetic meetings among top chiefs, advisers, elders and top government officials, large swaths of First Nations leaders denounced the process Thursday night.

Instead, they declared they will only meet Harper on their own turf, on their own terms.

And that declaration has largely isolated the head of Canada's largest aboriginal group, Shawn Atleo.

It also amounts to a clear rejection of the prime minister's authority.

"The door's open. We expect the (prime) minister to come here and meet with us," said Murray Clearsky, southern Manitoba's grand chief.

One region after another declared it was supporting Attawapiskat chief Theresa Spence in her call to refuse a meeting with Harper unless Gov. Gen David Johnston was at his side.

"This is not simply one chief making demands on location and format for a meeting. Chief Theresa Spence is merely setting forward a call for truth and integrity from the prime minister," said Isadore Day, a chief from northern Ontario.

Shawn Atleo, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, speaks at a news conference Thursday. "Governments need to understand that our resolve is absolute," he said earlier in the day. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Spence started it

It was a monthlong protest by Attawapiskat chief Theresa Spence — who is having only fish broth — that triggered the idea of a meeting between aboriginal leaders and Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Even if the meeting with Harper proceeds, Day predicted only a handful of chiefs would attend.

"There will clearly be no mandate to negotiate."

Johnston has agreed to a request from Harper to host a ceremonial meeting with First Nations leaders at Rideau Hall following their working meetings on Friday.

But it remains unclear whether the concession will be enough to salvage a process that was meant to bring an end to grassroots demonstrations and blockades across the country.

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Still overcoming trauma at sea

Costa Concordia. Survivor gets a harsh lesson: You can't just love the sea, you must fear and respect it

JESSICA SMITH
Metro in Toronto

Peter Grajda has always been a ship enthusiast. That's why, only four months after he survived the Costa Concordia disaster in Italy on Jan. 13, 2012, he set sail again.

"It wasn't a good experience," the Toronto resident said of his spring voyage. "It was an eight-night cruise, and I slept only two nights — and then only because we had reached Bermuda. The ship was there overnight and I knew the ship was not in the sea."

Grajda had always loved cruising. He used to feel safe in a large boat and felt comforted by the life jackets, the lifeboats and the feeling that nothing could ever really go wrong.

That changed. "Each sound, each movement — like if the ship would move a little bit, or some noise — and right away I was alarmed that something might go wrong," he said.

Sudden horror

"It was beautiful weather, the beginning of a voyage.... Just three and a half hours later, everybody was running for their lives to find space in the lifeboats."
Peter Grajda, survivor

When the Costa Concordia capsized, Grajda was in his cabin, having boarded the ship earlier that day.

"We were leaving the city of Civitavecchia, (Italy), and everybody was very excited.... Just three and a half hours later, everybody was running for their lives.... It was chaos and it was terrible," he said.

Grajda talked the experience over with a friend who is a seasoned sea captain.

"He told me about the fear: that everyone who is related to the sea has to experience some fear. As long as he's aware of the power and the force of the sea and how damaging it can be — from that comes the respect of the sea," Grajda said. "It's very hard ... but you have to learn to live with this fear somehow."

That's why Grajda tried again. In November, he went on another cruise. It went better. He's learning to live with his fear, respect the sea as a force of nature and embrace his passion for cruises.

"With time it's healing, this trauma. But slowly," he said.

One thing that hasn't changed since the days that followed the disaster is his disdain for the Concordia's captain, Francesco Schettino.

"Thirty-two souls gone. A half-billion-dollar ship destroyed," Grajda said. "This man, I think he has a serial kind of ego problem, a psychological problem, because it's unbelievable."

Schettino, who is facing many charges, including manslaughter and abandoning ship, told an investigating judge he left the sinking ship because he had accidentally fallen into the lifeboat that took him to safety and couldn't get out.

Peter Grajda took this shot as the Costa Concordia went down. He said three life boats got stuck while being lowered, and passengers were forced to jump back to the sinking ship. They were the last free boats. PETER GRAJDA/CONTRIBUTED

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Top gumshoe tried selling info to tabloid

'Gross breach'.
Detective found guilty was worried hacking inquiry took resources away from war on terror: Witness

A top British counterterrorism detective was found guilty Thursday of trying to sell information to one of Rupert Murdoch's tabloids, becoming the first person convicted on charges related to Britain's phone-hacking scandal since a police investigation was reopened in early 2011.

Det. Chief Insp. April Casburn was charged with misconduct for phoning the News of the World tabloid and offering to pass on information about whether London's police force would reopen its stalled phone-hacking investigation.

Disloyalty

"She betrayed the service and let down her colleagues."
London Metropolitan Police, in a statement

Prosecutors said the tabloid did not print a story based on her call and no money changed hands but she had committed a "gross breach" of the public trust by offering to sell the information.

Casburn, 53, also was accused of trying to ruin the phone-hacking inquiry — which centred on Murdoch journalists at the now-defunct News of the World — by leaking information to the press.

A key witness testified that Casburn wanted to torpedo the hacking inquiry because she feared it would drain resources from the fight against terrorism. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

April Casburn of the London Metropolitan Police leaves court in London, Thursday. Casburn has been found guilty of offering The News of the World information about the phone hacking investigation. KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hot tix. Inauguration invites go for $2K online, despite anti-scalping efforts

Tickets to U.S. President Barack Obama's inauguration this month are supposed to be free, but they're being sold on eBay and Craigslist for up to $2,000 apiece.

Efforts by congressional offices and the Presidential Inaugural Committee, which are distributing tickets to inaugural events, haven't stopped online entrepreneurs.

"These tix are going like hot cakes, and for FAR more than I am listing them for on here," boasted one anonymous seller in a post Wednesday on Craigslist.

The seller, who did not return an email from The Associated Press, offered two seats to the Jan. 21 swearing-in at the Capitol for $4,000.

Even though enthusiasm isn't as high as it was for Obama's historic inauguration four years ago, memories of the incredible crowd for that sprawling outdoor event seem to have driven up prices for this year. The Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies issued some 250,000 tickets for lawmakers to give out however they see fit.

Scalping the tickets is not illegal. But the committee's chairman, Sen. Chuck Schumer, says he is encouraging members of Congress to distribute them fairly.

Barack Obama takes the oath of office in this 2009 file photo. JAE C. HONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Unlike congressional tickets, tickets distributed by the Presidential Inaugural Committee can't be resold without permission of the committee. Although tickets for the swearing-in ceremony are free, some other inaugural events charge admission.

Online ads on sites like Craigslist, eBay and StubHub offered ticket packages Wednesday for upward of $4,000 to presidential committee events. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

War on terror

Zero Dark Thirty slammed by ex-Gitmo inmates

Two former Guantanamo detainees on Thursday condemned Zero Dark Thirty, a film about the hunt for Osama bin Laden whose brutal interrogation scenes have sparked a discussion over the use of extreme methods in the U.S. campaign against terror.

"These people are getting away not only with committing the torture ... they're justifying it," said Omar Deghayes, who was left partially blind after what he said was a guard's attempt to gouge out his eyes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hard time for handcuffing

Rico not-so suave at Taco Bell

A U.S. man who handcuffed himself to a female co-worker in an effort to get a date has been sentenced to four years in prison.

The Rome News-Tribune in Georgia reports that 25-year-old Jason Earl Dean handcuffed himself to the 18-year-old in August 2011. They worked together at a Taco Bell restaurant.

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Lookout Mountain Assistant District Attorney Alan Norton says Dean is also not allowed to have any contact with the victim or her family. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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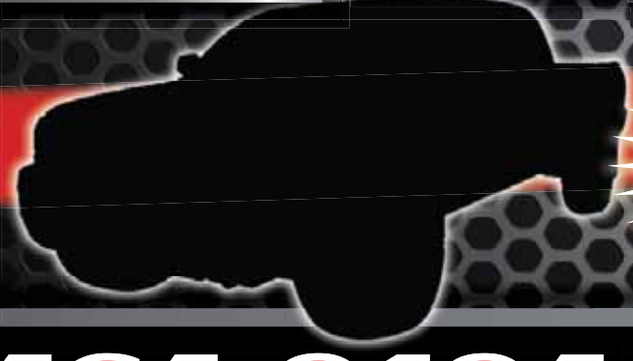

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Samsung shows smartphone with bendable screen at CES

Gadget show. Phone has matchbox-sized hard enclosure with a paper-thin, flexible colour screen attached

By showing off a phone with a flexible screen, Samsung Electronics Co. is hinting at a day when we might fold up our large phone or tablet screens as if they were maps.

The Korean electronics company provided a glimpse of such a device at a keynote speech Wednesday at the International CES gadget show in Las Vegas.

The phone's screen doesn't appear flexible enough to fold in half like a piece of paper, but it could bend into a tube.

The screen uses organic light-emitting diodes, or OLEDs. Only a thin layer of these chemicals is needed to produce a bright, colorful screen. They're used in many Samsung phones already, though with glass screens. For the bendable phone, Samsung laid the chemicals over thin plastic instead of glass. That's a trick you can't pull off with liquid crystals.

The company also showed a video of a future concept, with a phone-sized device that opens up like a book, revealing a tablet-sized screen inside. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Eric Rudder, chief technical strategy officer of Microsoft, holds a prototype Windows smartphone with a flexible OLED display at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Wednesday. JAE C. HONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Indonesia

Cigarette laws tightened

Indonesia has issued regulations that will require cigarette packets to bear graphic photographic warnings, a long-delayed measure in a country with one of the highest rates of smoking in the world.
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North Korea

Google's warning

Google executive chairman Eric Schmidt, returning from a trip to North Korea, said Thursday it's up to North Korea to allow its citizens to use the Internet or risk remaining way behind other countries.
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Burger King

Lawsuit settled

Carrols Corp., the largest franchisee of Burger King, is paying $2.5 million US to settle claims of sexual harassment by 89 female employees across the U.S.
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Market Minute

- **DOLLAR** 101.57 cents US, up 0.32 of a cent
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Natural gas: $3.19, up 8 cents
Dow: 13,471.22, up 80.71

French cabbies slow traffic to snail's pace

Striking taxi drivers block access to Orly's airport, south of Paris, Thursday. Thousands of protesting taxi drivers lined up in single file on roadsides across France, refused fares or travelled highways at a crawl, in what is being called "Operation Escargot" to protest government deregulation proposals they fear will cut into their business. Taxi associations oppose government proposals to allow private companies to transport the sick to medical appointments and allow for new chauffeur businesses. MICHEL EULER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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THE LIST
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1 Texas Chainsaw 3D. The latest version of this cult classic stunned studio execs by finishing No. 1 at the box office, nudging out Quentin Tarantino's Oscar-nominated western Django Unchained and The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey. Chainsaw doesn't signal the end of pop culture but rather the beginning of more campy, crappy horror flicks.

2 Leafs fan in space. Astronaut Chris Hadfield was smacked down after tweeting a picture of himself holding a Toronto Maple Leafs plaque from the International Space Station. I mean, what planet is Hadfield on cheering for them? And speaking of which, what planet are the Leafs on firing their GM Brian Burke a week before the season starts?

3 iHeartRadio. The free digital radio service has a new iPhone update allowing users to create custom stations based on their moods and activities, with genres such as Skinny Jeans: Boys with Guitars. Now iHeartRadio will know right away if this boy is in a Motorhead or Air Supply mood.

4 Outhouse reward. A man got national attention after posting an ad on Kijiji offering a $500 reward after thieves took a large, brand new outhouse he had just constructed on his farm near Edmonton. If I were this guy, I'd raise a stink, too.

5 Models. The Canadian fashion industry was thrown for a loop this week when Ford Models made the shocking decision to pull out of Canada, saying it's closing its T.O. offices by the end of the month. This explains why forlorn models were seen walking the streets with catwalks tucked under their arms.

6 @kobebryant. His Laker team is having a miserable season, but at least Kobe Bryant now has Twitter to fall back on. "The antisocial has become social," tweeted @kobebryant to get the ball rolling. Kobe already has more than 700,000 followers, but he has a ways to go to catch NBA Twitter King LeBron James, who has nearly 6.9 million followers.

7 The Bachelor. This show about fame — and oh, yeah, love — kicked off its 17th season this week on ABC. Among the suitors for Sean Lowe was the drunk, creepy 50 Shades of Grey-obsessed Ashley P., who wanted to tie him up. Shockingly, she will not be getting a proposal. She was totally elimidated.

8 Kate's 31st. This is the year of Kate ... again. 2011 was her Royal Wedding, 2012 was her pregnancy announcement, and this year Royal Watchers will be waiting to see if it's a boy or girl, and the chosen name. For now, it's her 31st birthday week (Jan. 9). Last year, she got a puppy from Will. I recommend a Bugaboo baby stroller this year.

9 Bowie. The world showed some modern love for David Bowie this week when, under no pressure, he released a new single, Where Are We Now?, on his 66th birthday — and announced his first album in 10 years, The Next Day, will be coming out in March. Let's Dance to that.

10 Oprah. Lance Armstrong talks to Oprah next week in his first no-holds-barred interview since the doping scandal. Might it be he admits his guilt? The interview airs Jan. 17 on Oprah's Next Chapter and will be streamed live worldwide on Oprah.com. Must-watch TV drama on your stationary bike.

11 R.A. Dickey. Toronto got to meet their new ace/knuckleballer this week, and fell in love. Dickey is perhaps the most articulate, intelligent athlete to come to town ever. Not to mention he has the best Twitter bio ever: "Father, Husband, Christian, Pitcher, Author, Adventurer, Star Wars Nerd, Reader, Ninja in Training & Cyclist."

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He's really got a hold on Toronto: R.A. Dickey shows his knuckleball grip on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

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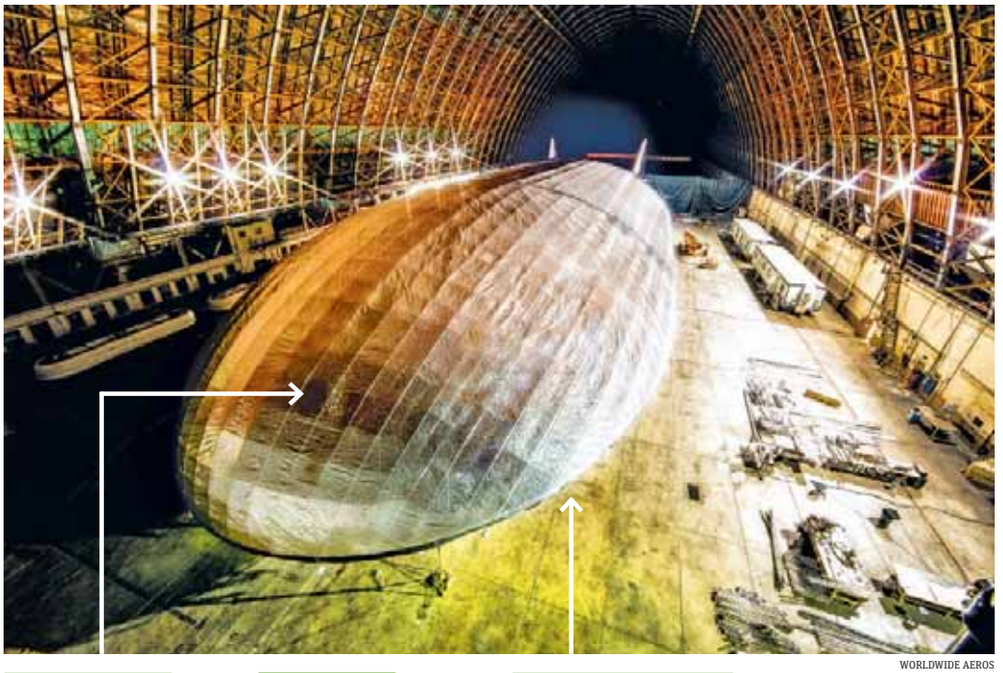

WORLDWIDE AEROS

Future of air travel

Revolutionary airship revealed

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's a "super-blimp"! The 79-metre Aeroscraft has been hailed as a revolutionary airship that aims to provide a new way of moving heavy and oversized cargo, especially to areas with limited or no infrastructure. California-based Aeros had recently completed construction of the airship prototype.

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Airship features

- **Payload.** The craft is pegged to carry cargo of up to 66 tons — equivalent to the weight of about a dozen elephants.
- **Investment.** NASA and the U.S. Pentagon invested $35 million in the project.
- **Future demos.** Aeros is contractually obligated to show its airship's abilities, including vertical takeoff. It hopes to roll out its first flights in three years' time.

Technological innovation

Makers buoyed by breakthrough

In the past, airships have had buoyancy problems because they needed to be weighed down or tied to the ground to keep them from being carried away by the wind while cargo is unloaded. Aeros claims its Aeroscraft is "the world's first rigid variable-buoyancy air vehicle," with an ability to compress and release helium in its balloon to retain buoyancy for unloading.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Ship on a mission: Its makers believe Aeroscraft's rigid structure and landing capabilities could also see its airship used for humanitarian and military operations. WORLDWIDE AEROS

Engineer's viewpoint

"This is truly the beginning of a vertical global transportation solution for perhaps the next 100 years."
Aeros CEO and chief engineer Igor Pasternak

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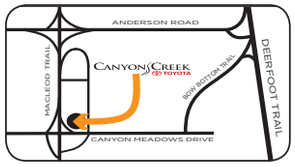

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Zero Dark Thirty is getting early positive reviews with its heart-pumping-action-filled narrative. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Find them and kill them

Morality tale. The Reel Guys agree that Zero Dark Thirty is a well-made film but differ when it comes to who enjoyed it

Richard: Mark, this isn't a who dunnit, or why dunnit, but a how dunnit. It's a detailed look at the step-by-step process that resulted in locating and exterminating bin Laden. The story begins before President Obama's famous, "We don't torture," speech, so it presents the uncomfortable, controversial truth that pitiless persuasion like sleep deprivation, boxing and waterboarding — so simple, yet so brutally, terrifyingly effective — was used to gain information. The torture scenes have been very much in the news, what did you think of them?

Mark: Revenge — I mean justice — isn't always pretty. But it does show that you can negotiate with terrorists. The torture scenes set up the moral queasiness that runs through the whole movie.

As the C.I.A. honcho says, "Get me some names so I can kill them!"

And no one is safe in the final raid on the bin Laden compound, not even the innocent. Did I like the picture? I can only muster two cheers here. It's authentic and gritty, but much of it is a plodding procedural with only intermittent action. Richard, I think we'll agree it's a good movie, but did you enjoy watching it?

RC: I did. I thought it was a nuanced, suspenseful and terrifically exciting look at recent history. We know how the movie is going to end, so the trick is to keep us engaged through to the climax, which, for me, the movie does. Having said that, there is frequent overwriting — like the inevitable "then I'm gonna kill bin Laden" moment — which seems too easy for a movie this clever, but, for me, Kathryn Bigelow's virtuosic handling of the climatic raid scene overpowers the film's weaker moments.

MB: This is an anti-heroic view of the events, which took a lot of guts on the filmmakers' parts. There's certainly no one to "root for," especially after the torture scenes. Jessica Chastain's character is devoid of any personal life; she is her job. So is everyone else. The military has never looked so unappealing. It's a grim and ugly job, and there's a lot of truth in that point of view, but I found myself resisting the movie in many places. A lot of critics think this is the best film of the year. Richard?

RC: I'd agree with that. It is grim, but so is the story it chooses to tell. It's also heart-thumpingly exciting and well made.

MB: Well-made indeed. But in the end, I respected it more than enjoyed it.

Synopsis

The film begins on 9/11 with audio of calls coming from the Twin Towers. Stage set, the movie leaps forward two years to the brutal waterboarding and torture of an Osama bin Laden relative by Dan (Jason Clarke), a C.I.A. expert in extracting information. Overseeing the enhanced interrogation techniques is Maya (Jessica Chastain), a newly recruited officer charged with helping to track down terrorist leader bin Laden and dismantle al-Qaeda. This is her story, a carefully plotted espionage tale that flows from the clues that lead to the death of bin Laden at the hands of the Navy S.E.A.L. Team 6 in May, 2011.

Star ratings:

- Richard: ●●●●○
- Mark: ●●●●○

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Drama/Crime

Gangster Squad

Director. Ruben Fleischer

Stars. Sean Penn, Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone

This movie will suffer from comparisons to The Untouchables and LA Confidential. It grabs the atmosphere of post war L.A. from the latter and the storyline — about an undercover team of police led by Sgt. O'Mara (Josh Brolin) who bring ruthless mobster Mickey Cohen to justice — almost beat for beat, from the former. But this is a far more blunt object than either of its forbearers. It's a period piece that spends a bit too much time exploring the down-and-dirty side of the story, but is a stylish look at a fascinating time.

RICHARD CROUSE

Drama/Action

The Impossible

Director. J.A. Bayona

Stars. Ewan McGregor, Naomi Watts

After a tsunami wipes out their Thai resort, an English family are separated from one another with Maria (Watts) and her oldest son left wondering if her husband Henry (McGregor) and their two youngest sons are still alive. Based on a true story, director J.A. Bayona (the Orphanage) creates some of the year's most viscerally thrilling scenes during the initial tidal wave and its immediate aftermath. But the film peaks early and the ensuing search and flip-flopping points-of-view prove anti-climactic.

IAN GORMELY

Drama/Comedy

Hyde Park on Hudson

Director. Roger Michell

Stars. Bill Murray, Laura Linney

Even a charming performance by Bill Murray can't quite save Hyde Park on Hudson from its own mismatched intent. One-part quasi-romantic drama between wartime President Franklin D. Roosevelt (Murray) and a distant cousin/mistress (Linney) and one-part comedy about Roosevelt's 1939 relationship-building with the King of England, one wishes filmmaker Roger Michell had chosen the latter to base his beautifully-shot film around even in spite of some crafty dialogue and plotting.

STEVE GOW

Arnie makes good on 'I'll be back' vow

The Last Stand. After his turn as the Governator, Schwarzenegger returns to what he does best

Arnold Schwarzenegger stars in The Last Stand, which opens next Friday. HANDOUT

Arnold Schwarzenegger likes to beat people to a joke. "First of all, it's great to be back," he says with a grin before anyone gets a chance to adapt his famous catchphrase to his return to movies after an extended stint running the state of California.

And he is back, he insists, starring in The Last Stand as a small-town sheriff going up against an army of mercenaries.

"As you remember, when I got into the governorship in 2003, I said I only would go and run the state for the seven years that were remaining, then I would be back in the movie business," he says.

"So it was just kind of stepping out of the movie business rather than kind of like I'm now going back to the movie business."

During that time, though, the movie business has changed, a harsh lesson for Schwarzenegger, considered a "contract genius" in his heyday for the deals he could broker for films like Eraser and Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines regardless of their success or failure.

"It's kind of like a scary thing to come back because you don't know if you're accepted or not," he admits.

"I have to also be realistic that I may see something that I may like to do, and I will go and take it to (producer) Lorenzo (di Bonaventura) and he will say, 'Oh, this is fantastic, but I don't think anyone is going to see it.' It's show business. It's the show, it's the acting, it's the performing, it's all of this, but you've got to be able to sell it also because movies cost a lot of money."

In The Last Stand, Schwarzenegger, now 65, is also hoping to get out in front of any wave of jokes about his age.

"You don't want to dwell on it, but to just throw it in, and it takes the curse off then," he says of jokes made at the expense of his advancing years in the film.

"You can make fun of yourself."

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For the love of all that is Lincoln

Academy Award nominations. Steven Spielberg's epic historical film tops the list with the most nods at 12, while Zero Dark Thirty gets only five

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Daniel Day-Lewis got some love from the Academy with a best actor nom for Lincoln. HANDOUT

It looks like it's Spielberg's race to lose at this year's Academy Awards, as his Lincoln pulled in 12 nominations — the most of any film nominated this year — including best adapted screenplay, best actor, best supporting actress, best director and best picture. If Oscar history is any indication, odds are the best director and best picture winners will align, so despite nine films being nominated this year, the real race is between Amour, Beasts of the Southern Wild, Life of Pi, Lincoln and Silver Linings Playbook, and our money is on Spielberg's historical drama.

"I don't know why we don't wait until noon to do this," host Seth MacFarlane joked before inviting actress Emma Stone to join him to announce the nominees. "The only people up right now are either flying or having surgery."

The nominations of course signal shifting into the most intense section of awards season, something not all the nominees are necessarily thrilled about. "It's obviously exciting, it's like getting a promotion at work," best supporting actress nominee Jennifer Lawrence told Metro on the eve of the Oscar nominations, adding that her parents were staying with her and planned to have her up at 4:30 a.m. "I just get anxiety over parties, and that's what that means, essentially, to me, (being) surrounded by lots of people, and it just gives me anxiety just to think about it."

Biggest winners

Lincoln is the clear winner nomination-wise, with Ang Lee's Life of Pi close behind at 11 nods, while Beasts of the Southern Wild, which nabbed four high-profile nominations, and Amour, with five, had their profiles raised considerably. And the Academy's love for David O. Russell is clear. Much like with his last film, the Fighter, his Silver Linings Playbook earned spots for best picture, best director, best adapted screenplay and every single acting category.

Argo is in the running for a best motion picture statuette. HANDOUT

Biggest losers

Kathryn Bigelow's presumed Oscar juggernaut Zero Dark Thirty earned only five nods, including best original screenplay and best picture. Mark Boal and Jessica Chastain are still frontrunners for writing and acting, but that's about it. And a lack of surprises in the best supporting actor category means our hopes of Javier Bardem being the first Bond villain nominated for an Oscar (for Skyfall) have been dashed. Leonardo DiCaprio was also snubbed, with his Django Unchained co-star Christoph Waltz edging him out. In the best foreign language race, the exclusion of French mega-hit the Intouchables means it's Michael Haneke's race to lose.

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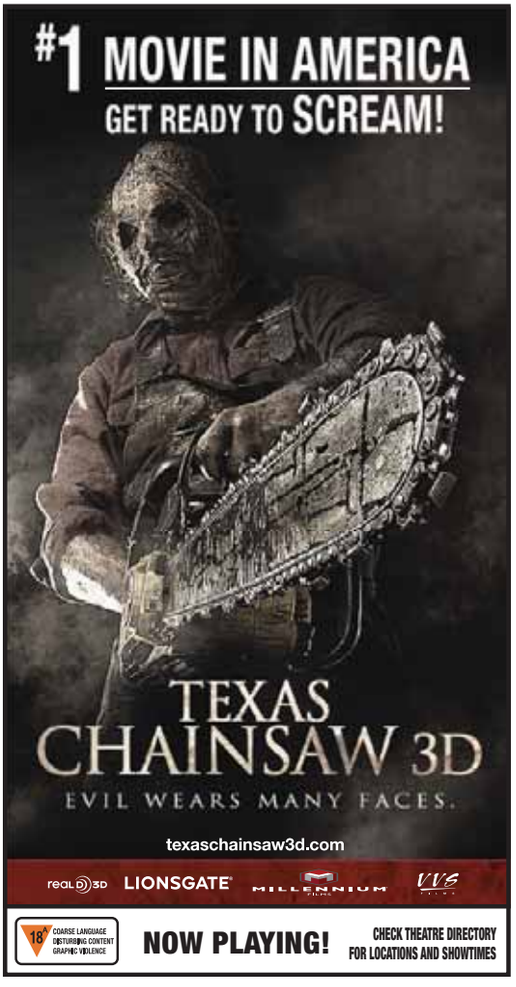

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Mark Wahlberg's recipe for making a hit movie

Broken City. Actor/producer's new movie low on budget, high on star power

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Mark Wahlberg's latest film, Broken City, opens Jan. 18. HANDOUT

Need a movie made on a shoestring? Mark Wahlberg might be your man.

The former bad boy rapper turned Oscar-nominated actor and now film and TV producer shared his recipe for making films on a recent visit to Toronto.

"You gotta come in with that television mentality. You've got a lot less money and a lot less time, but you've got a great piece of material," he says.

The next ingredient is attracting top talent — as in the likes of Russell Crowe — by serving them juicy roles and offering them a share of the profits.

It's a time when Hollywood studios are reticent to take risks, and in the adult crime thriller genre — the genre where Wahlberg has carved his niche — it's the only way to stay ahead of the curve, he says.

In fact, he's baffled by massive movie budgets. "I was just in New Mexico shooting this movie that we shot in 38 days and before us The Lone Ranger was there. It's about two guys on horses and it cost $250 million to make. Like, what the f— were these horses doing? You know, do they fly? I don't know. It's crazy."

By contrast, Wahlberg's latest film, Broken City, which opens Jan. 18, cost around $55 million to make and boasts a cast that includes Wahlberg himself, Crowe and Catherine Zeta-Jones.

In it, Wahlberg plays an ex-NYPD officer haunted by his past deadly vigilantism. Now as a private detective, he's been hired by New York's mayor (Crowe) to track the infidelities of his prominent client's wife.

The murky lawman is a role Wahlberg has come to love. "I can certainly appreciate and relate to these guys. The bad guy who is trying to do something good is usually the one I root for," he says.

And out of all those shiny shadowy roles, which is his favourite?

He grins.

"Dignam. The Departed was the most fun, because I'm from that world. I've spent a lot of time with those cops and I just got to f—ing steam roll everybody."

Will never be complacent

Wahlberg's working class roots are no secret. As the youngest of nine children, he's built a multimillion dollar empire out of virtually nothing — and a near-irrational fear of losing everything keeps him going. "I always feel like there's a good chance I'll end up back there," he says. "I keep that as a possibility and that keeps me focused and working hard. I don't want to let my guard down or feel too comfortable and start being complacent and then you start feeling entitled and everything else. I'm ready to go dig a ditch if I have to, whatever I have to do to provide for my family."

Golden Globes. New mom Adele to make 1st post-baby appearance

Adele is coming to the Golden Globes. The executive producer of the show says the 24-year-old Grammy-winning pop star is set to make her first post-baby appearance at Sunday's ceremony, where she is nominated for best original song for the James Bond theme Skyfall.

Adele welcomed her first child, with boyfriend Simon Konecki, in October. The singer has kept a low profile since announcing her pregnancy in June after sweeping the Grammy Awards last February with six wins. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Adele performs during the 54th Grammy Awards in Los Angeles in February 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

3 songs for the weekend

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It's the most depressing time of the year: cold, dark, Christmas bills, front loading of CPP deductions on the paycheque. Maybe these songs will cheer you up.

Miracle/Hurts

The band Hurts is a stylish two-piece from the UK. Miracle evokes memories of the post-New Romantic era of the early-to-mid '80s. The album, Exile, will be out in March.

Cheap Beer/ FIDLAR

Hands down my favourite song of the moment. The lyrics are definitely NSFW, but for a Friday night, this is perfect.

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Taylor Swift.

Taylor Swift gets some un-Wanted dating advice

Taylor Swift has recently broken up with One Direction's Harry Styles, so naturally it's time for rival boy band the Wanted to chime in on Swift's love life.

"I think she should stay single for a bit," the Wanted's Jay McGuiness tells E! News. Fellow band member Nathan Sykes agrees, adding that Swift should "write a whole album about (being single.)"

Twitter

@tyrabanks
Should I or should I not get my butt up and workout??? I don't wannnnnna!!!!!!!!!!

@EmWatson
Thank you so much to everyone who voted for me and Perks at the People's Choice Awards.It was really such a nice surprise. Thank you!!! :)

@RealMichelleT
When does the "I haven't _____ since LAST year!!" joke get old? #ImStillUsingIt

@HowardStern
Let's clear this up. I love the show girls and the star of the show. Yes, she's heavy but you should see the roll of jello on my belly.

The Word

Britney Spears missing her X Factor while hosting

THE WORD
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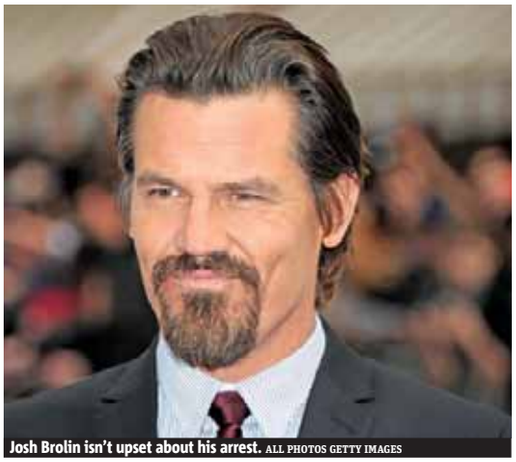
After mixed reviews and speculation that the show's producers were planning to oust her, Britney Spears has decided to leave the X Factor after one season, according to Us Weekly.

Spears earned $15 million for her stint as a judge for the singing competition series.

And sources say Simon Cowell and the show's other bosses were less than thrilled by what they got for their money.

Cowell "wanted crazy Britney, but he got boring Britney," a source says.



Josh Brolin isn't upset about his arrest. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Josh Brolin laughs off recent arrest

Josh Brolin is taking his New Year's day arrest for public intoxication in stride.

"New Year's — that's what happened," he says during a visit to Good Morning America. "I'm the one guy who's out there, and they go, 'Hey, there's Josh. Let's grab him.' You know, it was New Year's. It was a pretty innocent thing. It was a fun thing."

If Brolin is upset about anything, it's the grim-faced mugshot that was released from his arrest. "They don't show you the other shot where I turn and have a huge smile on my face," he says. "So you know, whatever."

"A fun thing"

"New Year's — that's what happened."
Josh Brolin
Speaking about his recent arrest

Lily Allen.

Lily Allen gives birth to second child

Lily Allen and husband Sam Cooper welcomed their second daughter, Marnie Rose, earlier this week, the singer announced via Twitter.

"Quite overwhelmed by the well-wishing going on," she wrote.

"Thank you everybody!"

In the weeks leading up to the birth, Allen had tweeted about trying to move things along by eating several helpings of curry. Marnie shares a birthday with Elvis Presley and David Bowie.

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Liquid Assets

Bottles to watch in '13

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This week, I gaze into my crystal goblet to make wine trend predictions for 2013.

Old is new, again: Many of last year's trends will be back in 2013. Look for sweeter reds, semi-sweet white Moscato and mega blends on both the white and red side to continue to dominate.

Malbec is back: Argentina may have the monopoly on the grape, but look for its food friendly personality to invade the shelves of France and non-traditional countries like South Africa.

Aussie Regionality: Down Under will make a play for your palate by focusing attention on its unique regional profiles. Expect McLaren Vale, Yarra Valley, Margaret River and Barossa Valley to take the lead.

Embraceable Iberia: This will be the year for Spain and Portugal. Forget the impossible to pronounce place and grape names; they're all part of the fun.

Oh, Canada: With many provinces relaxing their interprovincial shipping rules, a bottle from a small, cottage winery may be just a mouse click away. Start with Nova Scotia. L'Acadie Vineyards' 2010 Vintage Cuvée ($25.99) is a creamy mouthful of bubbly that, if you close your eyes, will have you thinking you're drinking champagne.

PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.

Adding a smoke (salmon) screen to an Italian classic

An unexpected seafood addition. Manicotti Stuffed with Smoked Salmon and Cheese in a Creamy Tomato Sauce.

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This recipe serves six. MARK SHAPIRO, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

This can be served as a main meal with a side salad or soup, or it can accompany a main dish.

The smoked salmon gives it a sophisticated flair that makes it a good company dish as well as a nutritious family dinner.

You can substitute jumbo pasta shells (8 ounces will yield about 24 shells) for the manicotti, or stuff approximately 12 cannelloni shells.

Ingredients

- 10 manicotti
- 1 1/4 cups smooth light ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded light cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 oz smoked salmon, chopped
- 1/4 cup finely chopped chives or green onion
- 3 tbsp 2% milk
- 1 egg
- pinch salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 cups tomato-based pasta sauce
- 1 tsp dried basil
- 1/2 cup 2% evaporated milk
- 2 tbsp grated mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F. Spray a 13- by 9-inch baking dish with cooking oil.

2. Cook the manicotti in boiling water according to package instructions, or until firm to the bite, approximately 10 minutes. Drain, cover and set aside.

3. Combine the ricotta, cheddar and Parmesan cheeses in a medium mixing bowl. Add the smoked salmon, chives, 3 tbsp milk, egg, salt and pepper. Mix until well combined. Slit the manicotti along one side and open like a book. Divide the cheese mixture among the manicotti. Close the manicotti around the stuffing.

4. Combine the tomato sauce, basil and 1/2 cup milk in a small bowl and mix until smooth. Pour half the mixture in the bottom of the prepared baking dish. Place the stuffed manicotti in the baking dish and pour the remaining sauce over the pasta. Sprinkle with the mozzarella cheese.

5. Cover and bake for 15 minutes, or until hot through. Garnish with the chopped fresh basil before serving.

ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN

Have a few gaps in your schedule you're looking to fill?
Whether you're hoping to dance, drink or just relax, check out these hot upcoming events courtesy of Notable.ca.
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Andy Warhol: The Athlete Series – opening

Love Andy Warhol? MOCA (Museum of Contemporary Art Calgary), 800 Macleod Trail S.E., presents the Athlete Series, with an opening reception. Comprised of 10 Warhol paintings, it features portraits of Muhammad Ali, O.J. Simpson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, just to name a few. View the art first-hand and enjoy the numerous entertaining events associated with the opening, including live music, YYC food trucks, and a pop-up cocktail bar. Jan 12. RSVP required.

Mountain of Food Festival

Head to Webber Academy Performing Arts Centre (1515 93 St. S.W.) for the Mountain of Food Festival on Jan. 12. Hosted by local musicians Brent Tyler and Kirby Sewell, this is an afternoon of live music in support of the Calgary Food Bank. Bring a case of non-perishable food items to help build a mountain. Visit mountainoffoodfest.zoobis.com.

Second Annual MS Whisky Festival

For the whisky aficionado, and those who just love this brown spirit, head to the Epcore Centre (205 8 Ave. S.E.) for an evening of whisky tasting, art and music in support of those affected by multiple sclerosis (MS). Taste whiskies from around the world, meet distillery representatives and help raise funds for services in the community for those affected by MS. (Tickets $95) Jan. 17. Visit calgary whiskyfestival.com.

Ballroom with a Twist – The Dance Extravaganza

Do you love shows such as Dancing with the Stars, So You Think You Can Dance and American Idol? As part of the POP Series, the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra (CPO) presents this exciting and unique event. Watch dancers from these hit series take to the stage as they are serenaded by American Idol finalists and of course the CPO. Jan. 11 and 12. Visit cpo-live.com.

The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour

For the outdoorsy type, this international film competition brings you a variety of short films and documentaries about mountain culture, sports and the environment. Now in its 33rd year, this is the perfect opportunity to see some of the best and most exciting films from the sold out 2012 Banff Mountain Film Festival, which took place in Banff in October. Jan. 13 to 30. Visit mountainfilm.ca.

Bridal Fantasy Fair

For those who have wedding bells in their near future, this fair is for you. The fastest growing fair of its kind in Alberta, it will feature a professionally choreographed fashion show and an eclectic mix of exhibitors. Meet wedding specialists and find out all sorts of ideas for your big day. Jan 13. Visit bridalfantasy.com.

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Expanded blood testing for HGH ahead in 2013

Major League Baseball will test for human growth hormone throughout the regular season and increase efforts to detect abnormal levels of testosterone, a decision the NFL used to pressure its players.

Baseball players were subject to blood testing for HGH during spring training last year, and Thursday's agreement between management and the Major League Baseball Players Association expands that throughout the season. Those are in addition to urine tests for other performance-enhancing drugs.

Under the changes to baseball's drug agreement, the World Anti-Doping Agency laboratory in Laval, Que., will keep records of each player, including his baseline ratio of testosterone to epitestosterone, and will conduct Carbon Isotope Ratio Mass Spectrometry (IRMS) tests of any urine specimens that "vary materially."

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MLB

"Hopefully someday somebody calls you and says, 'Hey, we want to give you a second chance.'"

Baseball's career hits leader Pete Rose, trying to provide a few lessons in patience after Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and Sammy Sosa were kept out of the Hall of Fame on Wednesday. Rose agreed to a permanent ban from baseball in 1989 after the former Cincinnati Reds player and manager was accused of betting on baseball. He is also banned from inclusion on the Hall of Fame ballot, although four voters gave him write-in votes this week.

Los Angeles Kings goalie Kelly Hrudey dives to make a save against the Boston Bruins in Inglewood, Calif., on Feb. 17, 1992. Hrudey and the 1995 Kings had a rough lockout-shortened season. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Intensity amped up in shortened season

NHL. Increased urgency could be overwhelming, say those who went through 1995 campaign

Quoted

"A 5-0 start could be golden and an 0-5 start could be deadly." Nashville Predators GM David Poile

Kelly Hrudey was not accustomed to being pulled into his coach's office for a chat after the first game of the regular season. But this wasn't a normal season.

The Los Angeles Kings goaltender could probably have been excused for showing a little rust when play resumed in January 1995, after an extended lockout and an abbreviated training camp. After all, it was essentially his first meaningful game in eight months when the Toronto Maple Leafs visited the Kings at the Great Western Forum on opening night.

"We tied 3-3 and I had let in a really bad goal," Hrudey recalled in a recent interview. "I remember (coach) Barry Melrose said, 'We just can't have that in this season, because it's so short and we can't give you two weeks to get ready.'

"I remember that part about it. There was a real sense of urgency which you don't normally have for a season."

The 48-game schedule was crammed into 104 days that year and saw NHL teams play only opponents within their own conference. There had never been anything like it before. And it proved to be a pretty wild ride.

Like many coaches who currently find themselves preparing for the start of training camps on Sunday and a Jan. 19 puck drop, Melrose felt he had done everything he possibly could to hit the ground running when the lockout ended.

Once the deal was finally signed, he was instead hit with a reality check.

"All of a sudden, when it happened, everything just accelerated, just blew up," Melrose said. "You went from nothing to knowing you had to start the season in 10 days. We'd been preparing for a long time but we were not really prepared.

"Things happened very quickly."

Melrose didn't finish the season behind the Kings bench. He was replaced by Rogie Vachon with just seven games to play and Los Angeles floundering in the standings at 13-21-7.

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4 SPORTS

NFL. Study says Seau had brain disease when he committed suicide

When he ended his life last year by shooting himself in the chest, Junior Seau had a degenerative brain disease often linked with repeated blows to the head.

Researchers from the National Institutes of Health said Thursday that the former NFL star's abnormalities are consistent with chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE.

The hard-hitting linebacker played for 20 NFL seasons with San Diego, Miami and New England before retiring in 2009. He died at 43 of a self-inflicted gunshot and May, and his family requested the analysis of his brain.

"It was important to us to get to the bottom of this, the truth," his ex-wife, Gina Seau, said. "And now that it has been conclusively determined from every expert that he had obviously had CTE, we just hope it is taken more seriously."

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Lawsuits

The NFL faces lawsuits by thousands of former players who say the league withheld information on the harmful effects of concussions.

NFL

No hometown love for Tebow

Tim Tebow won't be playing for his hometown team.

The Jacksonville Jaguars made it clear on Thursday that they have no plans to pursue the popular and polarizing New York Jets backup quarterback.

The Jets are likely to release the 2007 Heisman Trophy winner and Jacksonville native during the off-season.

"I can't imagine a scenario in which he'll be a Jacksonville Jaguar — even if he's released," new general manager David Caldwell said at his introductory news conference.

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Rodgers facing 49ers team that passed him up in draft

Quarterback Aaron Rodgers of the Green Bay Packers throws the ball against the Minnesota Vikings on Jan. 5 in Green Bay, Wis. Rodgers is returning to Northern California, where he became a college star. ANDY LYONS/GETTY IMAGES

NFL. Packers QB finally gets to play a meaningful game at stadium where he used to root for 49ers

The anxiety-filled green room and draft day seem so long ago now to Aaron Rodgers.

Still, this weekend, any lingering feelings of frustration about how far he dropped will be directed at the team that passed him up with the No. 1 pick nearly eight years ago.

Rodgers brings the high-scoring Green Bay Packers (12-5) to Candlestick Park on Saturday to face No. 2 seed San Francisco (11-4-1) in primetime for a place in the NFC championship game. He'll take the field in the very venue where he became a regular fan as a boy rooting for Hall of Famers Jerry Rice and Steve Young.

Rodgers will look to avenge a 30-22 season-opening home loss to the 49ers.

"It will be fun. I went to a few baseball games there growing up, and saw a game there when I was in college," Rodgers said. "Stadium's got a lot of tradition. Looks like we're kind of fortunate with the weather right now. Still wonder what that's going to be like."

Rodgers returns to Northern California, where he became a college star for California across San Francisco Bay in Berkeley, with a healthy cast of receivers and the swagger of a Super Bowl champion.

When Rodgers dropped to No. 24 in the 2005 draft after Alex Smith went No. 1, he was asked about his disappointment. He matter-of-factly said, "Not as disappointed as the 49ers will be that they didn't draft me."

Now, everybody in the Bay Area and beyond will be watching his every move again.

Even San Francisco's opportunistic, ball-hawking defence realizes just how hard it will be to rattle Rodgers or get him off his game. He hasn't thrown an interception in five straight games and 177 passes.

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Texans, Pats try to forget last meeting

NFL. Neither team wants to talk about New England's 42-14 rout of Houston

Vince Wilfork was a champion as a rookie with the New England Patriots. So, he wondered, how hard could it be to win the Super Bowl every year?

After the past seven seasons without another title, he has his answer.

"Winning one early in my career, you kind of get the sense that it happens like this all the time, but it doesn't," the defensive tackle said. "It's very, very hard to win at this level, at any level."

His college teammate at Miami, Andre Johnson, never reached the playoffs in his first eight seasons with the Houston Texans. He finally got there last year. On Sunday, he faces Wilfork and the Patriots in a divisional-round game.

Texans defensive end J.J. Watt GETTY IMAGES

"It means a lot," the wide receiver said. "It makes you appreciate all the tough times you went through to get to this point."

The Patriots (12-4) have a rich tradition of three titles in four years before the current championship drought. They won nine of their last 10 games, are coming off a bye and are heavily favoured, having routed Houston 42-14 on Dec. 10.

The Texans (13-4) have a poor history with just two post-season wins in 11 years of existence. They lost three of their last four regular-season games, then edged the Cincinnati Bengals 19-13 last Saturday in the wild-card round.

Those differences aside, both teams are hungry to keep the season going — all the way to a Super Bowl triumph.

The past — that 28-point romp last month — has no bearing on the rematch, coaches and players from both teams insist.

Texans defensive end J.J. Watt is tired of all the talk about that beating his team took.

"Obviously, we didn't play good last time we were up there," he said. "I don't think we need to keep rehashing it. I think we just need to play our style of football."

Brady's next post-season win will be his 17th, breaking a tie with Joe Montana for the most by any quarterback. He'll get a boost from having tight ends Rob Gronkowski, sidelined for the first game against Houston, and Aaron Hernandez on the field together for only the sixth time this season after both dealt with injuries.

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Quoted

"I think it's a bunch of garbage. The game will have its own elements and it will write its own story." **Patriots coach Bill Belichick** on the significance of the Patriots' decisive win over the Texans in December

NBA

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	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Miami	23	10	.697	Ñ
d-New York	23	12	.657	1
d-Indiana	22	14	.611	2½
Atlanta	20	14	.588	3½
Chicago	19	14	.576	4
Brooklyn	20	15	.571	4
Milwaukee	18	16	.529	5½
Boston	18	17	.514	6
Philadelphia	15	22	.405	10
Toronto	13	22	.371	11
Detroit	13	23	.361	11½
Orlando	12	23	.343	12
Charlotte	9	25	.265	14½
Cleveland	9	28	.243	16
Washington	5	28	.152	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-L.A. Clippers	28	8	.778	Ñ
d-Oklahoma City	27	8	.771	½
d-San Antonio	28	10	.737	1
Memphis	23	10	.697	3½
Golden State	22	12	.647	5
Houston	21	15	.583	7
Denver	21	16	.568	7½
Portland	19	15	.559	8
Utah	19	18	.514	9½
Minnesota	16	16	.500	10
L.A. Lakers	15	20	.429	12½
Sacramento	13	22	.371	14½
Dallas	13	23	.361	15
Phoenix	12	25	.324	16½
New Orleans	10	25	.286	17½

Thursday's results
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Phoenix at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 9 p.m.
Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Portland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

AHL

Thursday's result
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Wednesday's results
Syracuse 5 Rochester 3
Binghamton 3 W-B/Scranton 1
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Friday's games
All Times Eastern
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Hershey at W-B/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.
Hamilton at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Worcester, 7:30 p.m.
Norfolk at Syracuse, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Peoria, 8:05 p.m.
Grand Rapids at Rockford, 8:05 p.m.
Lake Erie at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Texas, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago at Abbotsford, 10 p.m.

NFL

PLAYOFFS

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS
Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
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NFC — Green Bay at San Francisco, 8 p.m.
Sunday's games
NFC — Seattle at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
AFC — Houston at New England, 4:30 p.m.
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Second Leg
Thursday's results
Atletico Madrid 0, Getafe 0, Atletico Madrid advances on 3-0 aggregate
Barcelona 5, Cordoba 0, Barcelona advances on 7-0 aggregate
Real Betis 1, Las Palmas 0, Real Betis advances on 2-1 aggregate

TENNIS

ATP WORLD TOUR HEINEKEN OPEN

At Auckland, New Zealand
Thursday's results
Singles
Quarter-finals
Philipp Kohlschreiber (2), Germany, def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, 7-6 (6), 6-4.
Sam Querrey (4), United States, def. **Jesse Levine, Canada**, 6-4, 7-6 (5).
David Ferrer (1), Spain, def. Lukas Lacko, Slovakia, 6-2, 6-1.
Gael Monfils, France, def. Tommy Haas (3), Germany, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3.
Doubles
Quarter-finals
Colin Fleming, Britain, and Bruno Soares (1), Brazil, def. Benjamin Becker, Germany, and Jurgen Melzer, Austria, 6-3, 6-4.
Johan Brunstrom, Sweden, and Frederik Nielsen, Denmark, def. Jerzy Janowicz, Poland, and Albert Ramos, Spain, 6-2, 6-4.
Frantisek Cermak, Czech Republic, and Michal Mertinak, Slovakia, def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, and Frank Moser, Germany, walkover.

APIA INTERNATIONAL

At Sydney, Australia
(seedings in parentheses):
Men's Singles
Quarter-finals
Andreas Seppi (3), Italy, def. Marcel Granollers (8), Spain, 6-4, 7-5.
Julien Benneteau, France, def. Ryan Harrison, United States, 6-4, 6-2.
Kevin Anderson, South Africa, def. Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, 6-4, 6-3.
Bernard Tomic, Australia, def. Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, 6-7 (6), 6-4, 6-2.
Women's Singles
Semifinals
Agnieszka Radwanska (1), Poland, def. Li Na (4), China, 6-3, 6-4.
Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia, def. Angelique Kerber (2), Germany, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.
Men's Doubles
Quarter-finals
Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and Horia Tecau (4), Romania, def. Mahesh Bhupathi, India, and **Daniel Nestor, Canada**, 6-3, 6-4.

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Horoscopes

Aries
March 21 - April 20
Today's new moon urges you to make the most of an opportunity of some kind. Being the ambitious sort you want to move up in the world, so let the powers that be know what you can do — by doing it.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
At some stage today, you will realize that life is both more complicated and more simple than you have up until now imagined. What matters though is that you are thinking for yourself. So few people ever do.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
The new moon will give you a pointer as to what you should be doing and who you should be doing it with. It also suggests that you could make some serious money, but only as part of a team.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You can now see with the utmost clarity what needs to be done to restore a relationship to its former glory. Don't let what went before get in the way of what needs to be done right now.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You run the risk of getting bogged down by details that could and should be left until another day, if not ignored altogether. Focus on essentials only, such as getting ahead in your career and making a fortune.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
There is nothing you cannot do if you put your mind to it. Today's new moon in Capricorn will give you the confidence you need to embark on a new adventure, something you have wanted to do for years.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Use whatever information comes your way today to your advantage. Most likely you will learn something about a social rival or work associate that they don't want you to know. At last you've got some leverage!

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The more you talk things through with partners and colleagues today, the more they and you will understand that your interests are one and the same. Communication is the key to success — and lasting friendship.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Follow your instincts today, especially where money matters and business deals are concerned. No matter what the facts and figures may say if you sense that something is not quite right you must hold back.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
What would you do if you knew you could not fail? So why are you not doing it now? A new moon in your sign makes this the ideal day to follow your dream, no matter how outrageous it may be.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
What you need to convince yourself of today is that your fear is based on an illusion caused by your determination to always seem to be in control. Let fate guide you over the next 24 hours. You'll enjoy the results.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Today's new moon suggests you are about to make new friends, and what these new friends have to tell you will get you thinking in interesting ways. You don't know it all – at least not yet. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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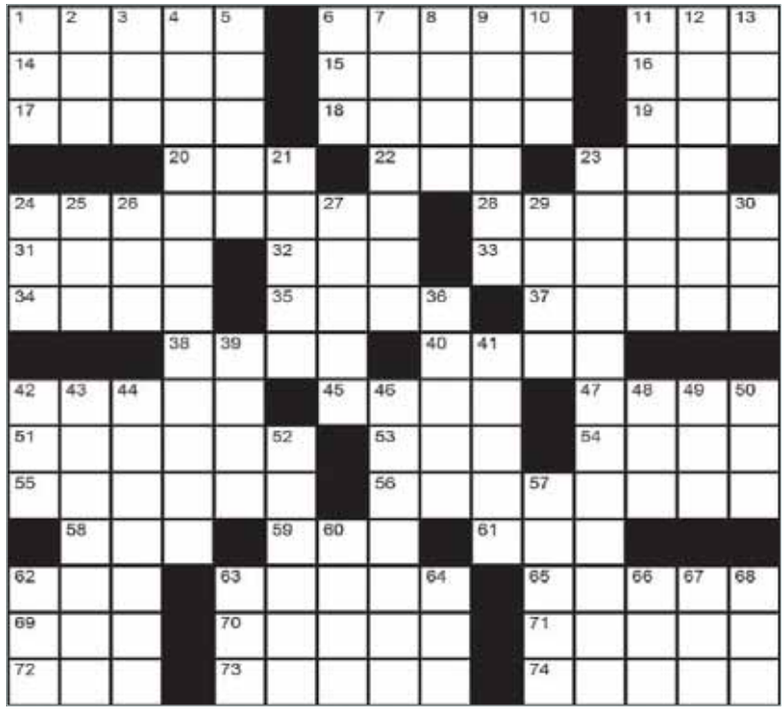
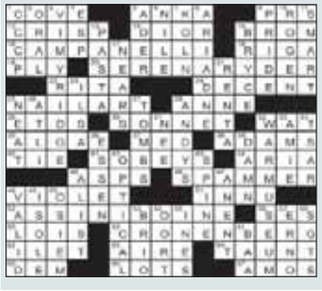


Across
1. "Gangster __" (2013), new movie starring #46-Down
6. Prince William's sister-in-law
11. Mr. DiCaprio, to pals
14. "FairyTale: _ __ Story" (1997)
15. "_ __ business!"
16. __ Darya (Asian river)
17. Canadian rock group
18. Wheat type
19. Where, in Latin
20. Pull
22. Intro-to-nickname letters
23. Monk's title
24. To Ontario's left on a map, The __
28. Doves
31. Country's Brooks & __
32. "__. Doubtfire" (1993)
33. "Aha!"
34. On
35. Thompson Twins tune
37. Gumption
38. Ear-related
40. Opposing
42. Madeleine of ABC's "Revenge"
45. Prefix to 'culture'
47. Film set job
51. Lay things __: 2 wds.
53. Acorned tree
54. Comfy spot
55. Ancient military city
56. The __ Channel
58. Elevs.
59. Singer Mr. Bachman
61. Pres. Ford's Vice-Pres.
62. Universal ideal
63. Mr. B. DeMille
65. Burlesque Queen, Dita Von __
69. Bering, e.g.
70. Air conditioners company
71. Debated topic
72. "Gangnam Style" guy
73. Hippie's salute
74. Piano legend Mr. Peterson

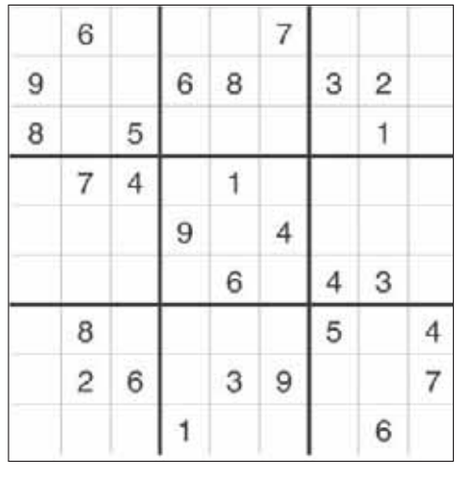
Down
1. Tree treat
2. CFL game period, for short
3. Spoonbender Mr. Geller
4. Mike Myers character: 2 wds.
5. Take†exception to
6. TV's Magnum, et al.
7. Deadlock
8. Glance
9. Buckingham __
10. Picnic invader
11. Prime Minister Harper's wife
12. Begins a cruise
13. Montreal affirmative
21. John Rhys-Davies' part in 'Lord of the Rings' flicks
23. Association the Golden Globe Awards, The Hollywood __: 2 wds.
24. Celeb couple's caught-by-paps moment
25. Groove
26. Year: Spanish
27. Susan's role from "All My Children"
29. Dethrone
30. Freelancer's encl. to an editor
36. Ms. McLachlan
39. Check
41. Camera company
42. Roads, for short
43. Magicians' costumes parts: 2 wds.
44. Speech-giver's skill
46. Canadian actor Ryan
48. Louis XIV, par exemple
49. Lithium-__ battery
50. Canada Post delivery, e.g.
52. McCain tidbits, Tasti __
57. "__ Lanterns" by Kim Mitchell
60. Health food berry
62. Cup o' Earl Grey stirrer
63. CBC rival
64. "Dancing with the Stars" judge Mr. Goodman
66. Computer keyboard key
67. "Dalla __ Pace": Aria in Mozart opera Don Giovanni
68. Suffix with 'Musket'

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

1	6	7	8	3	2	5	9	4
5	3	4	9	6	7	2	1	8
8	9	2	4	1	5	7	3	6
6	7	9	2	4	1	8	5	3
3	1	5	7	8	6	9	4	2
4	2	8	3	5	9	6	7	1
7	4	3	6	9	8	1	2	5
9	5	6	1	2	3	4	8	7
2	8	1	5	7	4	3	6	9

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13J042AA	2009 SUZUKI SX4 AWD MANUAL ORANGE	90,000KM	$11,998
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12T372A	2008 DODGE GR.CARAVAN STOW & GO BLUE	143,400KM	$11,998
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